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THE FUEL SITUATION.

Mr. William J. Dick contributes an interesting and instructive article to Toronto Saturday Night on "The General Fuel Situation in Canada," in which he deals particularly with the problem of maintaining an adequate supply. He points out that Canada possesses about one-sixth of the world's coal supply, the deposits being confined to the eastern and western provinces. The large central provinces of Ontario and Quebec have to depend largely on coal imported from the United States.

Mr. Dick quotes statistics to show that in 1916 Canada imported more coal than it produced, the ratio being 55 per cent to 45 per cent. The value of our coal production in that year was \$38,857,557, which greatly exceeded that of any other mineral and was 22 per cent of Canada's total mineral production in that year. The imported bituminous coal is used largely by the railways, but a portion is also used for power purposes. United States coal is hauled by American railways from the Lake ports to the western markets in cars that have been used for the carrying of grain eastward, and this has a tendency to curtail the market for Canadian coal.

Mr. Dick points out that while the coal mines of Alberta and Saskatchewan have a capacity for producing some 15,000,000 tons of coal annually, the actual production in 1918 was but 6,318,663 tons. If warranted by the demand, he thinks there is not the slightest doubt but that the annual output can be increased by at least 4,000,000 tons. The enlargement of the market for western coal would greatly reduce the price to the consumer. At the present times the mines in Alberta are closed from March 1st to August 15th, which means that the heavy overhead charges must be borne by the coal produced during the winter time.

In reference to the use of coal by and Mr. Dick thinks there is no assurance to show that the total in 1912 was 7,783,736 tons at a cost of \$24,160,823, while in 1918 the railways consumed 10,173,344 at a cost of \$52,630,430. He says that the tonnage of coal used on the railways in Canada is equivalent to nearly 68 per cent of our total production. For instance in 1918 the mines of Canada produced 14,977,926 tons of coal, while the railways in that year used 10,173,344 tons in addition to 52,507,528 gallons of fuel oil.

The eastern provinces of Canada have no anthracite coal and considerable quantities for heating and domestic purposes have to be imported from the United States. The importation in 1916 exceeded 4,640,000 tons which was double the quantity imported in 1906. The supply of anthracite coal in the United States is limited, and Mr. Dick thinks there is no assurance that its exportation will long be continued. He says that if anthracite continues to be mined at the present rate the supply will be exhausted in about 100 years. In support of this statement it is pointed out that during the four year period, 1913-16, production decreased from 91,524,922 tons to 83,312,000 in 1916 which is rather more than one per cent per annum. Consumers of this class of coal, however, will derive some consolation from the statement that it is regarded as a luxury and not a necessity and that the higher grades of sub-bituminous or lignite coals can be used in its place and have many advantages over hard coal.

With an enormous territory extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and northwest to the Arctic regions, with severe winter weather, the fuel problem in Canada must always be one of paramount importance. The country fortunately possesses enormous water powers and the day must surely come when these will to a great extent replace coal as producers of light, heat and power.

The name of Hon. Arthur Meighen, a Manitoba Tory politician, is being seriously put forward as a possible successor to Sir Robert L. Borden in the Premiership. Although Hon. Mr. Meighen hails from the west, he falls

far short of representing western public sentiment. He is a dyed-in-the-wool Tory of the hair-splitting type, and if given a free hand would no doubt do his utmost to restore in Canada the "Family Compact" system of government. The best means of hastening the downfall of Union government would be to select Hon. Mr. Meighen as its leader.

Sir Robert Borden's disappearance from the political stage will surely mark the end of Union government at Ottawa. The present administration was formed to carry on during the war, and in the opinion of about three-fourths of the people of the country has outlived its usefulness. It is doubtful if any leader chosen from among the members of the administration could even command the support of a majority of the members of the House of Commons, to say nothing of the people of the country.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Even an efficiency expert can't do much with a dollar these days.

Some men have the beatitudes mixed. They have an idea that blessed are the fussmakers.

A man may not have sense enough to do anything right, but still there is always some one to whom he feels superior.

If you find every one you know a bore, be sure they do not look on you as the life of the party, either.

Money can be ascribed as the motive for anything nowadays and the one won't be wrong more than once out of 1,768,923 times.

FUNERALS

Late Mrs. Catherine Pettiford
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Pettiford took place this afternoon from the home of her daughter Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, 323 Woodstock Road. The service was conducted by Very Rev. Dean Neales and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

Late Matilda Donald
 The funeral of the late Miss Matilda Donald took place this afternoon from her late home in Marysville. The service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton and interment was made in the Methodist Cemetery, Penniac.

Installed Officers
 Graham L. O. L. No. 20 installed officers last night with the customary ceremony. Harry R. Adams was installed as master and installed the remainder of the officers.

Resumes Duty
 Major S. S. Wetmore who has been in charge of the office of A.A.G. at M. D. No. 7 headquarters in the absence of Lieut. Colonel A. H. H. Powell who has been confined to his home with a broken arm, has returned to Fredericton to resume his duties with the D.S. C.R. Lieut. Colonel H. C. Sparling, general staff officer will have charge of the office of A.A.G. until Colonel Powell is able to resume his duties again. Lieut. Colonel Powell is resting comfortably. The injured arm was put under the X-ray and the bones found to be in the proper position.

Returns From Overseas
 Lieut. N. A. Mackenzie, M. C., son of Col. J. D. B. Mackenzie of Chatham arrived in his home town Thursday after some five years' absence the greater part of which was overseas. He was with a detachment of the 73rd Northumberland Regt. at Newcastle wireless station until the winter of 1915 when he enlisted here in the 23rd Field Battery. Overseas he received a commission in the Royal Engineers and during service was awarded the Military Cross. He is a U. N. B. graduate in Civil Engineering and is well known throughout the province.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. M. Queen of St. John is in the city.

Mr. A. Arseneau of Campbellton is at the Queen.

Mr. T. Hamilton of Jacquet River is in the city.

Dr. John Wier of Doaktown is at the Barker House.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. MacDonald of Blissfield are at the Barker House.

Mr. L. R. Hollett of Moncton is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. A. J. Prettie of Toronto is in the city.

Mr. L. M. Young of Boston is at the Barker House.

Mrs. E. Shepherd, has returned from a two month's visit with friends in Plymouth, N. H.

INTERESTING
CURLING GAMES
LAST EVENING

The Management Series Began
 With Interesting Matches
 Last Night—3 Games
 for Wednesday.

The management series of games began last evening at the Curling Rink all three sheets of ice being occupied. The ice was keen and in splendid condition and excitement was at its height. In a close thirteen-end game L. C. Macnutt defeated "Deacon" Dougherty. An extra end was necessary as both rinks stood 9-9 at the end of the twelfth. However the Collector's excellent curling netted him five stones which put the score at 14 to 9. T. A. Wilson was beaten by W. A. B. McLellan by a score of 19 to 11 in a very one-sided match. John Neill also met defeat when arrayed against R. B. VanDine. The score stood 16 to 10 at the end of the fourteenth end.

Wednesday night's matches are as follows:

N. C. Dougherty vs. H. Hagerman.
 L. C. Macnutt vs. H. E. Fowler.
 W. A. B. McLellan vs. W. S. Thomas

LOCAL NEWS

Scarifier in Use

The scarifier was brought out this morning and was put to use scoring and levelling icy sidewalks in various sections.

Interesting Rumor

It is rumored that the Yale University hockey team which has a Canadian tour in contemplation is talking of playing Dalhousie or St. Francis Xavier at Moncton late in the winter. If such is a fact U. N. B. will endeavor to bring the Yale team here for a match.

Playing Hockey in Calgary

According to the Moncton Transcript James Tibbits formerly of Fredericton and generally known as "Dick" Tibbits, is playing hockey in Calgary with the Wanderers of that city. It has been many years since "Dick" figured in hockey about Fredericton although he played Rugby football, curling and much baseball. He returned to the West some months ago.

To Locate in Florida

Mr. Marvin Harrison of Devon for thirteen years a member of the staff of R. Chestnut & Sons, left last night for Palm Beach, Florida, where he has accepted a position. Prior to his departure Mr. Harrison was presented with a travelling bag by the other members of the staff. Mr. Harrison's removal to Florida has been made necessary by his health.

Died in St. John

John Sproule, a well known mason died at his home, Duke Street, West St. John Sunday after an illness of less than a week. A cold developed into pneumonia and despite all that medical care could do he succumbed to the effects of the malady. There are left to mourn besides his wife, two brothers, Patrick and Charles of Fredericton, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Merryweather of Fredericton and Mrs. Gilbert Rideau of Bath. The funeral took place today.

Globe-Trotter Here

Arthur Thibodeau of Montreal who is travelling around the world for a prize of \$100,000 offered by the Revel Athletic Association of Paris, France, is in Fredericton. Last night he addressed the spectators at the Gaiety Theatre at intermission giving a brief sketch of his journey. He expects to sail for Europe shortly. Thibodeau is selling his own photographs and descriptive booklets to finance his journey. He has obtained the signature of Mayor Hanson in his registration book and will secure Premier Foster's at St. John.

Mrs. E. A. Benson Smith of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

AGAIN ON THE JOB
PROF. E. S. WASHINGTON

having returned from Overseas, where he assisted in making the world safe for democracy, is once more to be found at

WASHINGTON'S CAFE
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The Professor, while in France, served as head chef to an officers' mess of the C. E. F. He had ample opportunity of studying the French system of catering, admittedly the best in the world. The new ideas picked up are being put into every day practice at WASHINGTON'S CAFE.

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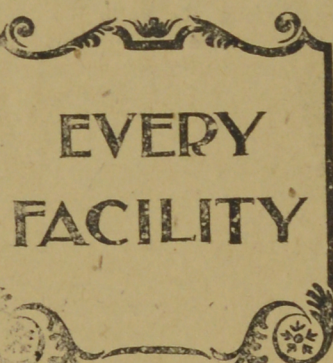
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